

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (retired on 30.11.2018)- Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Article of Charge under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.400

Dated :10 .07.2024.

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.46 , PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:10-07-2024

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference read above, under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired) vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV). Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired) is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri A. Venu Gopala Rao, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired) **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.VENUGOPALA RAO, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 30.11.2018)

Article of charge:

That, Sri A.Venugopala Rao, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram has recommended the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete in the work "Construction of CC road from Si Morampudi Sanjeevi (H) to Sri Salugolu Chinna (H) and other internal roads at SC locality of Ramakrishnapuram (V), Kirlampudi(M) of erstwhile East Godavari District". Thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri A.Venugopala Rao, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.VENUGOPALA RAO, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 30.11.2018)

Basis:

In the Vigilance report No.55 (C.No.4821/V&E/Engg/2019-1), dt.22.11.2023, the Director General, (V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads, drains, latrines, compost pits and Dumping yards in Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District based on the petition received from Sri Gode Atchha Rao, S/o Sri Veerabhadra Bao Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M) wherein it was alleged that substandard quality works were executed in respect of construction of cement concrete roads, drains, latrines, compost pits and Dumping yards in Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M) V&E observations and findings on work no. 2 are as follows:

Work No.2: Construction of CC road from Sri Morampudi Sanjeevi (H) to Sri Salugolu Chinna(H) and other internal roads at SC locality of Ramakrishnapuram(V), Kirlampudi(M).

Summary of the test results was as follow:

SI.No	Core ID	Location of the Core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm2		Remarks
				Attained	Required	
CC Road from the stretch of Sri Yasarapu Krishna(H) to Sri Diddi Tattyulu(H)						
1.	1	L/s-40M	M20	16.00	15.00	Satisfactory
2.	2	Centre 108M	M20	10.40	15.00	Failed
3.	3	R/s 150M	M20	13.40	15.00	Failed
		Average		13.30	17.00	Failed

The above test results revealed that the CC core samples extracted from the CC road were found to have not attained the strength requirements of specified grade of M20 concrete and also not satisfying strength requirements of next lower grade of M15 concrete as per Ls 456:2000. Hence the CC road was found to be liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.6,84,083/- was arrived at towards the rejected component of the CC road.

Therefore., the rejected component of the CC road should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.6,84,683/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency towards the rejected component of the work.

The V&E Dept. has concluded that the allegations made by the petitioner that substandard works were executed in construction of cement concrete

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roads in Ramakishnapuram(V) of Kirlampudi(M) was found to be substantiated. The V&E Dept. has recommended for disciplinary action against Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then EE and now retired for recommending the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete in Work No.2.

Thus, Sri A. Venugopala Rao, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division Rajamahendravaram has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and also failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.VENUGOPALA RAO, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 30.11.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No,4821/V&E/Engg/2019-1), dt.22.11.2023 of the Director-General, Genl. Admn. (Vigilance & Enforcement) Dept.
2. Govt.Memo No.2355672/Vig.I/2024, dt.26.05.2024 of PR&RD (Vig.I)Dept.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.VENUGOPALA RAO, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE 30.11.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL

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